

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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Southern District of Texas

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Houston Division

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk of Court

Case No.

(to be filled in by the Clerk's Office)

Frederick Tipps

Plaintiff(s)

(Write the full name of each plaintiff who is filing this complaint. If the names of all the plaintiffs cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names.)

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Galveston Police Department

Defendant(s)

(Write the full name of each defendant who is being sued. If the names of all the defendants cannot fit in the space above, please write "see attached" in the space and attach an additional page with the full list of names. Do not include addresses here.)

COMPLAINT FOR VIOLATION OF CIVIL RIGHTS (Prisoner Complaint)

NOTICE

Federal Rules of Civil Procedure 5.2 addresses the privacy and security concerns resulting from public access to electronic court files. Under this rule, papers filed with the court should *not* contain: an individual's full social security number or full birth date; the full name of a person known to be a minor; or a complete financial account number. A filing may include *only*: the last four digits of a social security number; the year of an individual's birth; a minor's initials; and the last four digits of a financial account number.

Except as noted in this form, plaintiff need not send exhibits, affidavits, grievance or witness statements, or any other materials to the Clerk's Office with this complaint.

In order for your complaint to be filed, it must be accompanied by the filing fee or an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

I. The Parties to This Complaint

A. The Plaintiff(s)

Provide the information below for each plaintiff named in the complaint. Attach additional pages if needed.

Name

Frederick Tipps - Fred Tipps

All other names by which
you have been known:

#234716

ID Number

Current Institution

Galveston County Jail

Address

5700 AVE H

Galv. TEXAS 77551

City

State

Zip Code

B. The Defendant(s)

Provide the information below for each defendant named in the complaint, whether the defendant is an individual, a government agency, an organization, or a corporation. Make sure that the defendant(s) listed below are identical to those contained in the above caption. For an individual defendant, include the person's job or title (if known) and check whether you are bringing this complaint against them in their individual capacity or official capacity, or both. Attach additional pages if needed.

Defendant No. 1

Name

Galveston Police Department

Job or Title (if known)

Chief of Police

Shield Number

Employer

Address

Doug Balli

601 54th St.

Galveston

Texas

77551

City

State

Zip Code

☐ Individual capacity☒ Official capacity

Defendant No. 2

Name

Job or Title (if known)

Shield Number

Employer

Address

City

State

Zip Code

☐ Individual capacity☐ Official capacity

Defendant No. 3

Name _____

Job or Title (if known) _____

Shield Number _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

☐ Individual capacity ☐ Official capacity

Defendant No. 4

Name _____

Job or Title (if known) _____

Shield Number _____

Employer _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip Code _____

☐ Individual capacity ☐ Official capacity

II. Basis for Jurisdiction

Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, you may sue state or local officials for the "deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws]." Under *Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of Federal Bureau of Narcotics*, 403 U.S. 388 (1971), you may sue federal officials for the violation of certain constitutional rights.

A. Are you bringing suit against (check all that apply):

☐ Federal officials (a *Bivens* claim)

☒ State or local officials (a § 1983 claim)

B. Section 1983 allows claims alleging the "deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the Constitution and [federal laws]." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, what federal constitutional or statutory right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by state or local officials?

Racial Discrimination

C. Plaintiffs suing under *Bivens* may only recover for the violation of certain constitutional rights. If you are suing under *Bivens*, what constitutional right(s) do you claim is/are being violated by federal officials?

D. Section 1983 allows defendants to be found liable only when they have acted "under color of any statute, ordinance, regulation, custom, or usage, of any State or Territory or the District of Columbia." 42 U.S.C. § 1983. If you are suing under section 1983, explain how each defendant acted under color of state or local law. If you are suing under *Bivens*, explain how each defendant acted under color of federal law. Attach additional pages if needed.

several occasions stalked outside or around 4506 Q 1/2 #1 by way of cell phones to target me intentionally putting my life under imminent danger of serious physical injury. Also conspired knowingly to criminalize with these sting arrests stated unoffical all calls, illegal search, profiling, illegal arrests falsified documents, no probable cause, no witnesses

III. Prisoner Status

Indicate whether you are a prisoner or other confined person as follows (check all that apply):

- ☒ Pretrial detainee
- ☐ Civilly committed detainee
- ☐ Immigration detainee
- ☐ Convicted and sentenced state prisoner
- ☐ Convicted and sentenced federal prisoner
- ☐ Other (explain) _____

IV. Statement of Claim

State as briefly as possible the facts of your case. Describe how each defendant was personally involved in the alleged wrongful action, along with the dates and locations of all relevant events. You may wish to include further details such as the names of other persons involved in the events giving rise to your claims. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If more than one claim is asserted, number each claim and write a short and plain statement of each claim in a separate paragraph. Attach additional pages if needed.

A: If the events giving rise to your claim arose outside an institution, describe where and when they arose.
 in or around 4506 Ave Q 1/2 #1 a combination of Galveston Police officers stalked outside using cell phones, walking unannounced in the residence while door open to arrest me 9-25²¹ and 11-19²¹. Pulled guns on me for walking on side walk on 53rd St. 12-20. Also while shopping in family dollar with Tina Taylor on 45th Q 1-18-22

B. If the events giving rise to your claim arose in an institution, describe where and when they arose.

C. What date and approximate time did the events giving rise to your claim(s) occur?
09/21/21, 11/15/21, 11/19/21, 12/20/21, 01/18/22

D. What are the facts underlying your claim(s)? (For example: What happened to you? Who did what? Was anyone else involved? Who else saw what happened?) Galveston Police unlawfully arrested me from 4506 Ave Q 1/2 #1 while Tina Taylor watched helplessly repeatedly with unnecessary oppressive exercise to criminalize me and Tina Taylor. Officer Bailey made several unofficial visits the residence harass me, search the apt. and demand Tina throw all my things out the apt. and she did under duress. Officer Owens stalked outside the residence, then barged in when the door came open to arrest me, then stayed to antagonize Tina after the arrest. Me and Tina shopping in family dollar, two Police officers barged in and arrested me on the spot in front of other shoppers. Officer pulled gun on me while I walked on the side walk on 53rd St. to detain me for further notice.

V. Injuries

If you sustained injuries related to the events alleged above, describe your injuries and state what medical treatment, if any, you required and did or did not receive. Mental issues, Anger issues Emotional stressed out, anxiety attacks, life in danger, mental and under imminent danger of serious physical injury, under duress

VI. Relief

State briefly what you want the court to do for you. Make no legal arguments. Do not cite any cases or statutes. If requesting money damages, include the amounts of any actual damages and/or punitive damages claimed for the acts alleged. Explain the basis for these claims. \$30 million dollars in monetary damages for putting my life in danger and under imminent danger of serious physical injury and my livily hood at stake causing me to lose everything, become homeless and a refugee because of a target of retaliation, continuance of unnecessary oppressive, unlawful acts, racially motivated discriminatory purposes.

VII. Exhaustion of Administrative Remedies Administrative Procedures

The Prison Litigation Reform Act ("PLRA"), 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), requires that "[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under section 1983 of this title, or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted."

Administrative remedies are also known as grievance procedures. Your case may be dismissed if you have not exhausted your administrative remedies.

A. Did your claim(s) arise while you were confined in a jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, name the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where you were confined at the time of the events giving rise to your claim(s).

B. Does the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose have a grievance procedure?

☐ Yes

☒ No

☐ Do not know

C. Does the grievance procedure at the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose cover some or all of your claims?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☒ Do not know

If yes, which claim(s)?

- D. Did you file a grievance in the jail, prison, or other correctional facility where your claim(s) arose concerning the facts relating to this complaint?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If no, did you file a grievance about the events described in this complaint at any other jail, prison, or other correctional facility?

☐ Yes

☒ No

- E. If you did file a grievance:

1. Where did you file the grievance?

2. What did you claim in your grievance?

3. What was the result, if any?

4. What steps, if any, did you take to appeal that decision? Is the grievance process completed? If not, explain why not. (Describe all efforts to appeal to the highest level of the grievance process.)

F. If you did not file a grievance:

1. If there are any reasons why you did not file a grievance, state them here: I filed numerous complaints with Internal Affairs and had interviews as well about these unlawful arrest, the continuing targeting, retaliating and racially motivated discriminating I consteady recieve from the Galveston Police Department.

2. If you did not file a grievance but you did inform officials of your claim, state who you informed, when and how, and their response, if any: I inform office Pierce, who is retired now who informed me to file an official complaint with Internal Affairs. I've done several interviews with internal Affairs about my civil rights being violated and have recieved no civil remedy only retaliation and harrassment and arrest only for exercising my right

G. Please set forth any additional information that is relevant to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies. In the internal Affairs investigation, officers went by 4506A Q/2#1 while I was incarcerated to qestion Tina Taylor but was interrogated instead about what I said in my complaint, made threats as to what was going to happen to me for filing an official complaint. This made Tina Taylor very uncomfortable and threaten about the whole ordeal.

(Note: You may attach as exhibits to this complaint any documents related to the exhaustion of your administrative remedies.)

VIII. Previous Lawuits

The "three strikes rule" bars a prisoner from bringing a civil action or an appeal in federal court without paying the filing fee if that prisoner has "on three or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

To the best of your knowledge, have you had a case dismissed based on this "three strikes rule"?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If yes, state which court dismissed your case, when this occurred, and attach a copy of the order if possible.

A. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court dealing with the same facts involved in this action?

☒ Yes

☐ No

B. If your answer to A is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) Frederick Tipps

Defendant(s) Galveston Police Department

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)

United States District Court, Southern District of Texas

3. Docket or index number

3:19-cv-00309 / cause: 42:1983

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

Judge Jeffrey V. Brown

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit

09/11/2019

6. Is the case still pending?

☐ Yes

☒ No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition.

4/14/2022

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?) Dismissed

C. Have you filed other lawsuits in state or federal court otherwise relating to the conditions of your imprisonment?

☐ Yes

☒ No

D. If your answer to C is yes, describe each lawsuit by answering questions 1 through 7 below. (If there is more than one lawsuit, describe the additional lawsuits on another page, using the same format.)

1. Parties to the previous lawsuit

Plaintiff(s) _____

Defendant(s) _____

2. Court (if federal court, name the district; if state court, name the county and State)

3. Docket or index number

4. Name of Judge assigned to your case

5. Approximate date of filing lawsuit

6. Is the case still pending?

☐ Yes

☐ No

If no, give the approximate date of disposition _____

7. What was the result of the case? (For example: Was the case dismissed? Was judgment entered in your favor? Was the case appealed?)

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IX. Certification and Closing

Under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 11, by signing below, I certify to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief that this complaint: (1) is not being presented for an improper purpose, such as to harass, cause unnecessary delay, or needlessly increase the cost of litigation; (2) is supported by existing law or by a nonfrivolous argument for extending, modifying, or reversing existing law; (3) the factual contentions have evidentiary support or, if specifically so identified, will likely have evidentiary support after a reasonable opportunity for further investigation or discovery; and (4) the complaint otherwise complies with the requirements of Rule 11.

A. For Parties Without an Attorney

I agree to provide the Clerk's Office with any changes to my address where case-related papers may be served. I understand that my failure to keep a current address on file with the Clerk's Office may result in the dismissal of my case.

Date of signing: 6-26-2023

Signature of Plaintiff

Printed Name of Plaintiff

Prison Identification #

Prison Address

Frederick Tipps

Frederick Tipps

234716

5700 Ave H

Galveston

City

Texas

State

77551

Zip Code

B. For Attorneys

Date of signing: _____

Signature of Attorney

Printed Name of Attorney

Bar Number

Name of Law Firm

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